Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 2016, an estimated 53,070 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 41,780 will die from the disease; and,

Whereas, Pancreatic cancer is the fourth deadliest cancer in the United States; and,

Whereas, When symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis, and 92.3 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and,

Whereas, The incidence and death rate for pancreatic cancer are increasing, and pancreatic cancer is anticipated to move from the fourth to the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States by 2020, and approximately 110 deaths will occur in South Dakota in 2016; and,

Whereas, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in South Dakota support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure; and,

Whereas, The good health and well-being of the residents of South Dakota are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 2016 as

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State